

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 7 is partially cross-sectioned ~~perspective~~side-elevation view of the syringe assembly of FIG. 6.

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FIG. 8 is ~~a cross-sectional side elevation view of the syringe assembly of FIG. 6~~7 shown after flush solution has been delivered.

Please delete paragraph [0017]

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph.

FIG. ~~109~~ is a partial cross-sectional view FIG. 7 is partially cross-sectioned ~~perspective~~side-elevation view of the syringe assembly of FIG. 6.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph.

FIGS. 6-~~109~~ show another embodiment of the present invention, where like elements are similarly numbered. In this embodiment of the invention, the plunger 224 comprises a flexible or compressible portion 260 at its proximal end 250. The compressible portion 260 may be, for example a compressible spring such as a coil spring or flexible members. As shown, the compressible portion 260 comprises a compressible spring including a plurality of ribs 262.